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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of August 18, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.